



# THE NATIONAL LIBERTY CONVENTION.

The Convention assembled in the city of Buffalo on the 30th of August, 1833, under a tent spread over the park, front of the Court House, at which time the number of members, including delegates from all free States except N. H., being assembled, the Convention was called to order by Alvan Stewart, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Credentials.

By a vote of the Convention, Mr. Stewart was requested to occupy the chair till the organization of the Committee on Credentials.

At the request of the chair, a prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Snyder, of Monroe Co., N. Y.

On motion of C. T. Torrey, a committee was appointed to nominate officers of the Convention. The Committee consisted of P. Chase, of Ohio; R. P. Benét, of Michigan; O. Lovejoy, Illinois; F. J. Douglass, of New Hampshire; W. C. Brewster, of New York; S. H. Bass, of New Jersey; J. M. Williams, Indiana; A. Walker, Maine; Elijah Miller, Vermont; L. M. Bowditch, Connecticut. On motion of C. T. Torrey, the names were referred to the committee. In absence of the committee, the following resolution was discussed and adopted:

**Resolved**, That in voting on the selection of candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, each State be entitled to as many delegates as she has members in the House of Commons, and the delegates of each state deputed to the Convention to act in behalf of those districts not represented by delegates specially appointed for that purpose, and to select two delegates at large for their representation.

On motion, a committee was appointed to make a roll of the Convention. The following gentlemen were chosen: J. K. Hall, of New Haven, Connecticut; W. Lyon, of Connecticut; C. V. Dyer, Ill.; A. Cathcart, Pa.; C. B. Ray, N. Y.; R. G. Lincoln, Me.; W. Flavel, N. J.

The committee to nominate officers reported the following:

PRESENT.

LEICESTER KING, of Ohio.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Schuyler F. Colfax, of Maine.

Timothy H. Webb, of Vermont.

William Jackson, of Massachusetts.

Thomas C. Love, of New York.

Samuel McFarland, of Pennsylvania.

Stephen J. Field, of California.

C. V. Dyer, of Illinois.

W. H. Burleigh, of Connecticut.

SECRETARIES.

Lionelus P. Noble, of New York.

Elizur Wright, of Massachusetts.

Charles B. Ray, of New York.

Owen Lovejoy, of Illinois.

Timothy H. Hudson, of Ohio.

Alvan Stewart, of Maine.

A motion was then made and adopted, that all committees which had been ordered, be appointed by the Chair, and that the following persons, consisting of the following persons, was appointed to prepare and bring forward business: Alvan Stewart, W. L. Chaplin, Win. Wood, of New York; B. S. Collier, of New Haven, Conn.; H. B. Smith, Mass.; F. J. Douglass, Robert Hanna, Pa.; T. S. Brown, Me.; C. Cook, Ill.; J. M. Williams, Ind.; Titus Hyatt, N. H.; S. M. Bigelow, Vt.; S. H. Bass, N. J.; W. Flavel, N. J.; W. C. Brewster, N. Y.; M. Booth, N. H.

Samuel Lewis, of New Hampshire, addressed the Convention in a bold and emphatic manner, until half past twelve o'clock, when they were favored with a Liberty song from C. A. Wheaton, and then adjourned for two hours.

The President recited the prayer by Rev. J. Keep, of Ohio.

Song by W. G. Clark, S. P.

Chase, from the Business Committee, reported in a series of resolutions, calling for a National Convention to consider of the same.

Stephen S. Foster, of New Hampshire, offered to address the Convention, but objecting being made, the President decided, that as Mr. Foster was not a member of the Convention, it was not in order for him to proceed. The Convention voted to accept his offer, 15 minutes to address the Convention which by courtesy was extended to 25 minutes. He stated that he had no unkind feeling toward the Liberty Party, but was the most zealous party in favor of freedom. He wished this National Convention of Liberty Party abolitionists to declare that fugitives from slavery ought never to be given up, and to never attempt to turn up again when, should they strike for liberty. Should the Convention do this, although a non-resistant himself, he would advise all young men to do the same.

Abby Kelley addressed the Convention, a vote having been passed granting her the liberty.

The Convention then again proceeded to consider several other topics.

The resolutions were adopted by E. H. Nevin, of Ohio, A. Stewart, C. T. Torrey, and H. H. Garnett, of New York. After a song by G. W. Clark, the Convention adjourned.

Wednesday, August 27, at 7 A. M.

Conventions convened to adjourn. The President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Eliot Gaither, Gen. Fessenden, of Maine, offered for, and in an able speech gave his reasons for leaving the Convention.

Resolution No. 37 was introduced by Theodore S. Brown, of Maine, by the resolution of the General Committee. This resolution was easily adopted, and was addressed to John Pierpol, of Mass., Eliza Gutehuis and S. W. Ward, of New York, and Samuel Lewis of Ohio, and unanimously adopted. Singing by C. A. Wheaton.

Tuesday, August 28, at 7 A. M.

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# LIBERTY STANDARD.

HALLOWELL, SEPT 31, 1843.

*This is but one proslavery paper that can be recommended to you; that is, by the legislative authority, & this, so far as my suffrage will go, shall not be wanting.—George Washington.*

## THE LIBERTY TICKET.

NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT, A. D. 1844.

JAMES G. BIRNEY,

OF MICHIGAN.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

THOMAS MORRIS,

OF OHIO.

## THE ELECTIONS.

These have resulted nobly for Liberty. Our

vote in Maine will not be from

6,200,

which is a gain of over 50 per cent on the vote of last year, and besides that, have spewed as many more for whig or democratic purposes. These parties may safely reckon a loss of 12,000 votes in Maine.

Liberty was made by the friends of Liberty. We have had no regular agent in the field, and but little occasional labor of that kind. To some extent, as it serves, abolitionists were active; in others little was done. But the result is cheering, noble. The destiny of the Liberty party, at least in the minds of many of its strongest opponents, is now certain. WE SHALL SUCCEED. It was always hard work to carry out devils, and the old abolitionists were not easily supplied.

We claim three long, heavy slaves for Maine; but, like slavery in the land, let them be heard in the land of chains and whips. There is a power in the freedom's ballot that grates horribly on the ears of desots.

An important lesson has been learned the past year. Abolitionists generally—the plain men—have found out that they can do the work, and how to do it. As it respects Wm. Wadsworth, he has doubtless been the teacher. Wadsworth is a handsome thing. The back country are not returned. Many of the towns have made a surprising advance. Look at Bowdoinham, heretofore regarded as well nigh hopeless! But there was one working man there, whose note is an other place: Plymouth, Casco, Ossipee, Exeter, Westfield, Brook, Monroe, Jackson, Livermore, Parsonsfield, Alton, etc., among many others, certainly made remarkable progress.

New Sharon stands at the head of any other town in the State. Bangor added 97 to her vote, and Portland 57.

We congratulate the friends of down-trodden humanity, and bid them look on up the bright prospects of the future with high and animated hopes. The great presidential year is now entered upon, and the prospects of Bonaparte as such, are compelled to admit its power.

A heavy frost in fine farming country did considerable damage last week, to the late crops.

## VERMONT.

The whigs are very still this year about that state. If she has added one third to her Liberty vote, in spite of all the efforts of opposers to the contrary. Her vote is over 3,000.

The election of Governor is defeated. May it please the whigs—the cause of slaveholders and dunces goes hardly among the Green Mountains. Mr. Slade must write a few more proslavery letters.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The official Report of this convention is published in full this week, and we trust it will be a decided success in its distribution. This will be sent to private correspondents as soon as possible, and will be extensively circulated. Put them up in barber's shops, shop signs, taverns, stores, &c., and let the hands of every man know.

LATE ARTICLES.—It is to be hoped the articles we have lately published from Kish Bailey have been carefully read—if not look up the papers and read them.

The letter last week from Rev. J. Blanchard, the leader in that party, is as stated some time since, to us, that old system is crumbling down under the weight of its own sins. A strenuous effort has been made by the managers to cover their moral sins from the people, and to make it appear that they carry on their system of slavery in the most secret and unobtrusive manner.

The leading knowledge seems to be that this decision of the whigs is due to the influence of the intercessions of the friends of the cause, and that it is not at all certain. Indeed it is highly doubtful. C. C. Cope received in the towns reported, S44 votes, which, so far as present appears, is the largest representative Liberty vote in the state.

In Kennebec and Franklin District, it is conceded by all, so far as we know, that there is no choice.

In Waldo and Somerset there is no choice. In Penobscot and Piscataquis District, Hallowell, and in Franklin, Washington and Aroostook, there is no choice.

## GOVERNOR.

It is now highly probable that the Liberty ticket will be defeated the choice of Governor, on account of an extensive rebellion among the democres, a heavy body having gone for Edward Kavanagh.

The leadership in that party is giving way, and the people are learning their dictators an important lesson. This fact is, as we stated some time since, to us, that old system is crumbling down under the weight of its own sins. A strenuous effort has been made by the managers to cover their moral sins from the people, and to make it appear that they carry on their system of slavery in the most secret and unobtrusive manner.

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## LAST WEEK.

We were mortified exceedingly to find, on returning from Somerset, that a large list of names—the probably the largest at that time in the state—had been left out. Over three thousand liberty votes ready for the paper in less than a day and half after the election. The individual with whom they left was to hand the printer neglected to do it till it was too late.

## A NEW CASE—FALSEHOOD.

On Saturday previous to election we published a case containing, among other things, an extract from Mr. May's letter to C. C. Cope, in the "Liberty Standard," Sept. 7, 1842. The Standard containing the letter, conspicuously inserted, was published three days previous to the handbill.

After having had the paper and the handbill, the editor of the Kennebec Journal of the following week, stated explicitly that no such letter was ever written, and that the whole was put up to the public to get votes, &c., &c.

Then there is another claim, that the handbill was put up to the public to get votes, &c., &c. These, while they are becoming quite numerous, we are not sure but that Town Court Bill had better be passed. The handbill was sent into every town in the district, so far as possible, while it was upon it.

The editor of that paper asserts that Mr. May, in stating his views on the tariff, spoke over the fundamental principles of his party. This is so.

Every liberty man has a right to speak, and a right to be heard, and a right to state to me. Govt. Smith, Alvan Stewart and others, have done this.

If Mr. May is "getting on, to whig ground," as

that paper alleges, it is to be expected its editor will cease his hostility to him, and support his nomination. It is, however, rather difficult to know whether Mr. May is "getting on to whig" or democratic ground, while both those parties are claiming the same narrow patch. He stands on his own ground, where he has been many years.

## SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Believing that important good to the cause of humanity might be accomplished by attending that meeting, we started off for Solon last week, leaving much work undone at home. Arriving at dusk, as the audience were about to commence the evening exercises, we learned that an address was to be delivered on a subject connected with the conference, but that the speaker failed to deliver it had failed. An application for address was then placing a man of "one idea" in rather close quarters, but some how they drove him into them. The performances of that society were highly creditable on the whole, and evinced considerable carefulness to the subject.

The subject of slavery has been carefully kept out of that conference heretofore, through the efforts of our friends, but this year, in this meeting, the committee board of our stamp, the question must have a hearing. Some was said on it the first day, but the second found was wholly devoted to the subject. The point of discussion was chiefly on exchanging delegates by the general conference with the Presbyterian churches; and our impression is, that the Somerset conference will never again sanction such a use of their christian fellowship. We believe the conviction was general, that expressions of christian fellowship with a church associated with such abominations as are found connected with slavery in those churches, is forbidden by the scriptures, and is a violation of christian duty.

We claim three long, heavy slaves for Maine; but, like slavery in the land, let them be heard in the land of chains and whips. There is a power in the freedom's ballot that grates horribly on the ears of desots.

An important lesson has been learned the past year. Abolitionists generally—the plain men—have found out that they can do the work, and how to do it. As it respects Wm. Wadsworth, he has doubtless been the teacher. Wadsworth is a handsome thing. The back country are not returned. Many of the towns have made a surprising advance. Look at Bowdoinham, heretofore regarded as well nigh hopeless! But there was

one working man there, whose note is an other place: Plymouth, Casco, Ossipee, Exeter, Westfield, Brook, Monroe, Jackson, Livermore, Parsonsfield, Alton, etc., among many others, certainly made remarkable progress.

New Sharon stands at the head of any other town in the State. Bangor added 97 to her vote, and Portland 57.

We congratulate the friends of down-trodden humanity, and bid them look on up the bright prospects of the future with high and animated hopes. The great presidential year is now entered upon, and the prospects of Bonaparte as such, are compelled to admit its power.

A heavy frost in fine farming country did considerable damage last week, to the late crops.

## VERMONT.

The whigs are very still this year about that state. If she has added one third to her Liberty vote, in spite of all the efforts of opposers to the contrary. Her vote is over 3,000.

The election of Governor is defeated. May it please the whigs—the cause of slaveholders and dunces goes hardly among the Green Mountains. Mr. Slade must write a few more proslavery letters.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The official Report of this convention is published in full this week, and we trust it will be a decided success in its distribution. This will be sent to private correspondents as soon as possible, and will be extensively circulated. Put them up in barber's shops, shop signs, taverns, stores, &c., and let the hands of every man know.

LATE ARTICLES.—It is to be hoped the articles we have lately published from Kish Bailey have been carefully read—if not look up the papers and read them.

The letter last week from Rev. J. Blanchard, the leader in that party, is as stated some time since, to us, that old system is crumbling down under the weight of its own sins. A strenuous effort has been made by the managers to cover their moral sins from the people, and to make it appear that they carry on their system of slavery in the most secret and unobtrusive manner.

The leading knowledge seems to be that this decision of the whigs is due to the influence of the intercessions of the friends of the cause, and that it is not at all certain. Indeed it is highly doubtful. C. C. Cope received in the towns reported, S44 votes, which, so far as present appears, is the largest representative Liberty vote in the state.

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In Waldo and Somerset there is no choice. In Penobscot and Piscataquis District, Hallowell, and in Franklin, Washington and Aroostook, there is no choice.

## GOVERNOR.

It is now highly probable that the Liberty ticket will be defeated the choice of Governor, on account of an extensive rebellion among the democres, a heavy body having gone for Edward Kavanagh.

The leadership in that party is giving way, and the people are learning their dictators an important lesson. This fact is, as we stated some time since, to us, that old system is crumbling down under the weight of its own sins. A strenuous effort has been made by the managers to cover their moral sins from the people, and to make it appear that they carry on their system of slavery in the most secret and unobtrusive manner.

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## LAST WEEK.

We were mortified exceedingly to find, on returning from Somerset, that a large list of names—the probably the largest at that time in the state—had been left out. Over three thousand liberty votes ready for the paper in less than a day and half after the election. The individual with whom they left was to hand the printer neglected to do it till it was too late.

## A NEW CASE—FALSEHOOD.

On Saturday previous to election we published a case containing, among other things, an extract from Mr. May's letter to C. C. Cope, in the "Liberty Standard," Sept. 7, 1842. The Standard containing the letter, conspicuously inserted, was published three days previous to the handbill.

After having had the paper and the handbill, the editor of the Kennebec Journal of the following week, stated explicitly that no such letter was ever written, and that the whole was put up to the public to get votes, &c., &c.

Then there is another claim, that the handbill was put up to the public to get votes, &c., &c. These, while they are becoming quite numerous, we are not sure but that Town Court Bill had better be passed. The handbill was sent into every town in the district, so far as possible, while it was upon it.

The editor of that paper asserts that Mr. May, in stating his views on the tariff, spoke over the fundamental principles of his party. This is so.

Every liberty man has a right to speak, and a right to be heard, and a right to state to me. Govt. Smith, Alvan Stewart and others, have done this.

If Mr. May is "getting on, to whig ground," as

## ELECTION, 1843—Votes for Governor.

YORK COUNTY.

1843. 1842.

Appleton, 28 And. Robin, Kav.

Buxton, 78 Belknap, 15

Ellington, 31 Belmont, 1

Lebanon, 44 127

Hinsdale, 31 105

Wilmot, 28 105

Ken. Port, 11 100

Kittery, 148 27

Northwick, 187 27

Portsmouth, 10 100

Roxbury, 31 100

Scarborough, 31 100

Sherburne, 35 100

Townshend, 41 100

Wells, 60 100

Wentworth, 61 100

Wilmot, 16 100

York, 11 100

W. York, 10 100

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